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Hugh S. West, Jr., M.D.

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For: IMPROVED INTERFERENCE SCREW
HAVING INCREASED UPPER DIAMETER

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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Hugh S. West, Jr., M.D. the inventor named in the above-identified design patent application, hereby declare: that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that my residence and post office address is 10036 S. Grouse Creek Circle, Sandy, Utah 84092; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the design for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the above-identified patent application; that the subject matter of Amendment "A" and Response, dated September 29, 2003; Amendment "B" and Response, dated March 19, 2004; Amendment "C", dated August 20, 2004; Supplemental Amendment "D", dated September 9, 2004; Amendment "E" and Response, dated

January 12, 2005; and Amendment "F" and Response After Final Rejection Under Rule 116, dated May 20, 2005, were part of my invention and were invented before the filing of the original, above-identified, utility patent application; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by the amendments referred to above; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the design application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 11 day of July, 2005.

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